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SUBJECT: CSCE VENUE: AUSTRIAN ALLEGATIONS OF HELSINKI
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1. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT " NEGOTIATIONS PRESENTLY ARE GOING ON IN HELSINKI CONCERNING A NEW COALITION WHICH COULD INCLUDE COMMUNIST MINISTERS" AS REPORTED IN REFTEL BY AUSTRIAN FONMIN KIRSCHLAEGER TO SCHEEL. ON THE CONTRARY, DISCUSSIONS IN RECENT MONTHS BETWEEN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND COMMUNISTS FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND WORKING RELATIONSHIP AT THE PARTY LEVEL HAVE APPARENTLY GOTTEN NOWHERE (HELSINKI A-95 NOTAL). WE ARE CHECKING WITH APPROPRIATE SOURCES, HOWEVER, TO SEE IF ANY MOVE IS AFOOT TO INCLUDE COMMUNISTS IN GOVERNMENT AND WILL REPORT SOONEST WITH FURTHER AMPLIFICATION OF CURRENT POLITICAL SCENE HERE.

2. WEST GERMANS MAY HAVE TAKEN KIRSCHLAEGER' S GAMBIT FOR REASONS OF THEIR OWN. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION IN FINLAND SHOULD BE DISTORTED TO SERVE AUSTRIAN OR FRG POLICY OBJECTIVES.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO SOVIET PRESSURES ON THE FINNS DURING MPT, TO WHICH SEVERAL WESTERN DELEGATIONS SEEM TO BE SENSITIVE, WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF SUCH AT DIPOLI. THE FINNS, AS WE HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, IN OUR OPINION ARE PLAYING THEIR HOSTSHIP ROLE WITH IMPARTIALITY AND THEIR DELEGATION IS ACTING INDEPENDENTLY.
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